GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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DIVERSION OF RAVI RIVER WATER
JAI PRAKASH

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Pakistan is constructing dams on Ravi river to divert flow of water towards India; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by the Government to prevent loss being caused every year by said river water in border areas of Punjab?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir. Construction of certain works on the Pakistan side on river Ravi, adverse country slop towards India and also the meandering of the river, have the effect of diverting the flow of the river Ravi towards India.

(b) Counter protective works to save likely loss of land and property are undertaken by the Government of Punjab from their own resources and also with the financial assistance in the form of special loan and grant-in-aid, as well as the technical expertise, provided by the Union Government. A committee constituted by the Central Government also visits various sites on the river before and after monsoon every year, examines the proposals of the Government of Punjab and recommends specific works to be executed on priority.